Oliver is away on his holiday and will be back in a fortnight or three weeks

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My dear Gray

Just received yours of the 15th

The Compositæ from Guadeloupe island is to my mind unmistakably Osteroidea homochroma The style is precisely that of several Bidelovia and Bolidagos the plant is indeed very near the latter genus - It has generally 1 or 2 ♀ ligulate flowers on each head - It looks at first sight wonderfully like some European Senecios but the anthers & style are quite different

I shall look at the Borragineous genus when I finally revise the order for press some two or three weeks hence

I am now at Bignoniaceæ and have met with another good job of Grisebach's his Tecoma tetubora of which he ingeniously describes the inflated calyx as enclosing a woody fruit is identical with the Cordia Cunninghamia. We have not his Catalpa purpurea ~~Bidenscandida~~ – our n. 3037 of Wright is evidently his Tecoma ? bibracteolata ~~but here may be a clerical mistake~~ a very distinct species ~~I may have come to the conclusion that his T. bibracteolata is the same as T. Seemannii DC. (and in this he may be right) and unjustly consolidated them in his Ms.~~

I cannot agree with Miers Bureau etc in the excessive division of Bignonia into genera founded mostly on the examination of one species with a few specimens of others – but as a Bignonia large divisible probably into a few good sections when the fruits become better known – I think Tecoma and Tabebuia too distinct in habit to be united but I cannot break up Tecoma (Lindleyana Griseb.) into a number of monotypic genera – but Hiern will work before I have done with it

Yours ever truly

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